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**Weekly Intelligencer.****THE OIL FIELDS.**

Another Black Eye Given to the New Benwood Field.

**THE FISHER COMPANY'S WELL.**

On the McFarland 120-Acre Lot, Adjoining the Famous 40-Acre Tract of the Liberty Oil Company, Came in Practically Dry—The Result was a Big Disappointment, as a Good Producer was Expected—Other Oil News.

The Benwood territory got a very black eye yesterday when the Fisher Oil Company drilled in on the McFarland 120-acre lease and got almost a dry hole. When the well was first drilled into the sand it made a showing for a very small producer, but when it was drilled deeper it failed to show up better and will not be worth operating. This well is located almost opposite the first well drilled in on the McFarland farm by the Liberty Oil Company, which was one of the best wells drilled in the field. It was thought to be a clinch that it would be a corking good well and the talent were very much surprised when it came in a duster. The old saw, that "It never rains but it pours," was aptly illustrated over in that territory when the Fisher's McFarland No. 1 was drilled and found dry. A short time afterward No. 5 on the Dan Price farm was drilled in and it, too, was dry. This well is located 200 feet west of their No. 4 on this farm, which came in a gusher about ten days ago. The coming in of both of these wells will have the effect of stopping all operations in that field to the west of the present developments and there will likely be quite a number of wells shut down.

It looks very much as though the Liberty Oil Company had gotten the cream of the pool in that section and that the territory held by the Fisher on the west was no good. It looks now as though the pool run in a northeasterly direction and it is likely there will be a number of wells drilled on a line in that direction. The wells being drilled by the Fisher, Henry and Wiele and Stender Oil companies, over in the direction of Cameron were right in line and there will probably be some good wells drilled in there. The Wiley &amp; Stender well, on the George Suppes farm, is nearing the sand and it will be but a couple of days until it should be in the pay.

Another important well drilled in during the week and which has just been completed, is that of McGuire &amp; Co., on the Gentry farm, out in the vicinity of Wick. This well is located between the gas well on the Anthony Smith farm and the one of the Baker lease, and the consensus of opinion was that there was a pool of oil there, but this hole failed to find it. The well has been drilled through the Big Injun sand, and is as dry as a bone. This well was very important, for the reason that it was in what is practically well cat territory and would have opened up a large amount of stuff. A small showing of oil was found shortly after the sand was reached and a pocket of gas was encountered, but when the well was drilled deeper it did not show up anything at all, and will be abandoned.

The well being drilled by William Graham &amp; Co. on the Wells farm above Proctor, has a fishing job now and it is pretty hard to tell when it will be in. This well is located a short distance above where Graham drilled two dry holes, and it is not believed that this well will amount to a great deal.

The Ramey Oil Company drilled in No. 2 on the O'dell farm and will have a fine producer in the Big Injun sand. This well is located in the Hebron district and is on the edge of the farm. It has been delayed for a long time and the first hole started had to be abandoned on account of the tools getting fast and the hole being plugged. The O'dell farm is considered now to be one of the best pieces of property in the Hebron field. Since the Carter Oil Company drilled in No. 9 on the Jerry Livingston farm and got a well that will make not less than 100 barrels a day. This well completed a circuit of wells around the O'dell farm and makes it worth many thousands of dollars.

Hagan &amp; Co. are starting a well on the Myers farm, a little to the southwest of the old development at Wick. The rig for the well is up and in a couple of days spudding will be commenced.

Sutton &amp; Co. have a very important well due at Raven Rock, on the Ohio side of the river, where Stewart &amp; Co. drilled in a couple of small wells a short time ago. This well was reported on top of the sand yesterday, but nothing has been heard of it since.

The Carter Oil Company will put the 6 1/2 casing in No. 1, on the Ash farm, out in the Sancho territory, the latter part of the week and the well should reach the sand in about ten days.

The well drilled by Ramey &amp; Co., on the Wilson farm, out in the Hebron territory, which is on top of the sand, struck a big dose of salt water in the Keener sand and they will have to case it off with 4 1/2 casing before it can be completed. This is an important well and would have been in had not the water been struck.

**RUMORED SALE**

Of the Interests of the Spragg Oil &amp; Gas Company for \$150,000—The Rumor Not Confirmed.

Late last night a gentleman, who is well informed on local financial matters, informed an Intelligencer reporter that he had just learned of a rumor that the Spragg Oil and Gas Company, of this city, which controls leases in the interior of Tyler county, principal among which is the Mayfield farm, where a number of good producers have been brought in, had sold out to a Pittsburgh company, alleged to be made up of Standard people, for \$150,000. An effort was made to confirm the rumor, but on account of the lateness of the hour this was not possible. It is said that Dr. Spragg gets \$37,000 out of the deal, and that Fred Happy, another Wheeling man, gets about \$25,000.

**Hitch County Oil News.**

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. RUTHERFORD, W. Va., Jan. 7.—The Florence Oil Company's No. 2 H. S. Wilson came in Monday, a good producer in the salt sand.

T. A. and R. G. Gillespie's No. 1 H. S. Wilson offset well came in good Monday evening. It is being variously estimated from twenty-five to seventy-five barrels. These wells are five miles south of Cairo.

T. N. Barnsdall's No. 3 Camden, on Devil Hole, one and a half miles west of the above wells, came in good Tuesday for a twenty-five barrel well.

The Major Hawkins No. 6 Matilda McGregor, at Cairo, came in Sunday night, estimated at 200 in the Injun. It is reported that there was a good well brought in in the Keener, six miles north of Cairo.

**Driller Burned.**

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WOODSFIELD, O., Jan. 7.—While drilling in the big Injun sand at the Pennington well, on Lick Skillet, near this place yesterday, a strong flow of gas was suddenly encountered, which, lighting from the lights in the derrick, caused quite a blaze for a few moments.

His efforts to save the rig and tools, Harry Hall, a driller, was severely burned about the face and neck.

To the Bera Grit.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WOODSFIELD, O., Jan. 7.—Since oil in paying quantities has not been found in the big Injun sand on Lick Skillet lease, near this place, the operators have decided to drill on to the Bera grit. This will bet he first hole to that sand in this county except at New Castle and opposite Sistersville.

**THE PEACH KING.**

Hon. Max Pracht, Well Known in Wheeling, Wants to be Governor of Alaska.

Hon. Max Pracht, of Oregon, who did effective work in West Virginia under the auspices of the Protective Tariff League, in the campaign of '94, was in Cleveland this week, and the Leader prints the following regarding the "Peach King."

Mr. Pracht is one of the political leaders of his state, and is as prominent in business as he is in politics, having won for himself the title of "The Peach King of the Northwest," on account of the extent of his peach orchards. During the Harrison administration Mr. Pracht was the collector of customs at the port of Sitka, Alaska, and a Leader reporter was informed yesterday that Mr. Pracht would make application for appointment as territorial governor of Alaska under President McKinley. During the last campaign Mr. Pracht was an ardent McKinley man, and through his influence, it is said, the Oregon delegation in the national convention voted for McKinley. After the nomination Mr. Pracht was almost constantly in communication with Mr. Hanna, and worked under special instructions from him.

To a reporter Mr. Pracht said that the situation on the Pacific coast was satisfactory to the Republicans, and he attributed the success of the Republican electors in the states of California and Oregon to the fact that the sound money advocates faced the free silver issue in the camp of the enemy. Mr. Pracht said that some of the Republicans of the extreme west thought the interior portfolio should be given to that section of the country. When asked the object of his call on Mr. Hanna, Mr. Pracht said that he had come east to remain until spring, and had stopped over to talk with Mr. Hanna and urge the necessity of organizing for the campaign of 1900, but he found that Mr. Hanna had already attended to that.

**DEATH OF MRS. CAROLINE WILSON,**

A Representative West Virginia Woman, in New York—Remains to Arrive To-day.

Mrs. Caroline Wilson, whose death in New York on Tuesday last was announced in yesterday's paper, and whose interment will take place here to-day, on the arrival of the 11:30 a. m. train over the Pan Handle, was, presumably, at the time of her death the oldest native of Wheeling to be found in our midst or residing elsewhere. As stated in the death notice, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Caldwell, after whom Caldwell's run was named, and whose old mansion was a landmark for more than a generation in that part of the city. She was born in North Wheeling in 1809 (the most noted birth year of this century) and used to tell of the days in her girlhood when the National road was brought over Fulton hill down on to Main street near where her father then lived. As respects the scenes and incidents of those days she was a cyclopedia of information, having known all the prominent people connected with Wheeling's early history and having seen a number of great people of the land who took stage here for the east from the Ohio river boats.

For many years past she has lived in New York with her daughter, Mrs. Prayner, at their home on 104th street in that city, where she was always an object of much interest to Wheeling people residing or sojourning in the metropolis. She retained her health and her faculties to a remarkable degree, and was to all visitors an ideal old person, because of the entire absence of either morbidness or childishness in her conversation, and because of her well balanced mind and temperament in all other respects. There were whole years of her life in which she was never on the streets of New York even once, on account of her impaired ability to walk, and yet it never seemed to militate in the least against either her health or her enjoyment of life. She was always cheerful and bright and happy, and made the hours pleasant for all her friends calling to see her. She was truly a representative West Virginia woman of the old school and had sound and wholesome views on all subjects bearing on the duties and enjoyment of life. Her death will call forth many expressions of sympathy and regret from those whose privilege it was to have known her.

**Funeral of A. D. Work.**

The funeral of Mr. A. D. Work took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son-in-law, William H. Rodgers, 223 Eoff street, and was attended by a large company of relatives and friends of the deceased. Rev. L. W. Roberts, pastor of the Wesley M. E. church, was the officiating minister. Interment was at Greenwood cemetery, and the following were the pallbearers: Will McKinley, Chris Wieg, William Lewis, John Walford, Joseph Wheeler and Robert Clark.

The work of forty-six relatives of the deceased attended the obsequies, among whom were his sons, Harry and George, of Sistersville; his brothers, Will and Samuel, of Pittsburgh; his sister, Mrs. Wilson, of Philadelphia; his son-in-law, George Dunlap, of Parkersburg. Others also from a distance, were Mr. Charles Stenson and wife, of Pittsburgh; Will Poffers, Carnegie, Pa., and Mrs. Samuel Work and daughter, Pittsburgh.

**Steamer Destroyed.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 7.—The steamboat Belle of the Coast, was totally destroyed by fire at Carrollton, this morning. She belonged to Captain John F. Alken, valued at \$40,000, and insured for \$30,000. Cause of the fire unknown.

**Banks Suspended.**

PRESTON, Minn., Jan. 7.—The bank of Canton, at Canton, and the Citizens' Bank, of Lanesboro, both owned and operated by Field Kelsey &amp; Company, have suspended business.

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**DIED.**

WILSON.—In New York, on Tuesday, January 5, 1897, MRS. CAROLINE M. WILSON, daughter of the late Joseph Caldwell, in the 88th year of her age. Funeral services in New York. The remains will arrive at the Pan Handle depot, Wheeling, at 11:30 a. m. Friday. Interment at Greenwood. Services at the cemetery.

HOUSE.—At the residence of his brother-in-law, G. W. Pine, No. 68 Main street, on Thursday, January 7, 1897, GEORGE W. HOUSE, in his 6th year.

Funeral services on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of family respectfully invited to attend. Interment private at Greenwood cemetery. (Pittsburgh papers please copy.)

**UNDERTAKING.**

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